

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the present amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11, 13-15, 17, 18, and 22 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Ertl et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,775,606. Claims 12 and 21 stand rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Djordjevic, U.S. Patent Application Publ. No. 2004/0206904. Claims 8, 10, 19, 20, and 23 stand rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Ertl et al. in view of Djordjevic. Claim 23 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and objections have been made with regard to claims 2, 3, and 15. It is respectfully acknowledged that claims 4, 5, 9, and 16 have been indicated as being allowable.

This amendment amends claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22, and 23. This amendment also cancels claims 1, 3, 12, 13, 15, and 21.

Claim 2 has been amended per the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, the amendment to claim 2 overcomes the objection to the claim.

Claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 22. Therefore, the amendment to claim 23 overcomes a rejection of claim 23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 4, which was indicated as being allowable, has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, allowance of claim 4 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 5-8, 10, 11, 22, and 23 depend from claim 4 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 4. Therefore, allowance of claims 2, 5-8, 10, 11, 22, and 23 is respectfully requested.

Claim 9, which was indicated as being allowable, has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, allowance of claim 9 is respectfully requested.


Claim 16, which was indicated as being allowable, has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, allowance of claim 16 is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 17-20 depend from claim 16 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 16. Therefore, allowance of claims 14 and 17-20 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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